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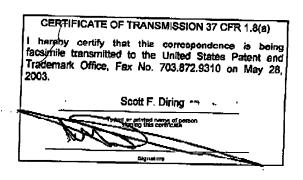
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PATENT

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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/022,488

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING

PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY OVERLAY RESISTRATION INCORPORATING FEEDFURWARD OVERLAY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003 for which the date for response is May 31, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT4542.

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> In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-18, i.e., the Group I claims. Applicant also requests that claims 34 and 35 be combined with the Group I claims. Claims 34 and 35 are claims to "means" for practicing the process claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claims 34 and 35 satisfy the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) as linking claims, and are therefore entitled to examination with the elected Group I claims. Also, if claims 34 and 35 arc found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (i.e., 19-33) rejoined.

> The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agentat (608) 833-0748 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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